



NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



Preparing Learners Today for Tomorrow

Nevada CSD - School Improvement Advisory Committee

Date: January 9th, 2023

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Location: Gates Hall Auditorium – [Virtual Link](#)

**A regular meeting of the Nevada CSD School Improvement Advisory Committee is scheduled for Monday, January 9th, at 7:00 pm, in the Gates Hall Auditorium*

AGENDA:

1: Welcome/Introductions

- School Board Member: Marty Chitty
- Faculty/Staff: Kody Asmus, Catie Neuman, Zach Lillquist, and Tyler Struck (*Parent*)
- Parents/Guardians/Community Members: Karen Nady, Emily Shaack, Kim Houston, Lisa Rodgers, Vawn Thiphasouk, Cara Wendling, Amanda Harris, and Andrew Henderson.
- NHS Students: Drew Hillman, Kyle Kingsbury, Ian Thomas, and Chloe Peterson

2: Purpose of the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)

-(Per Iowa Code 280.12) -- *To serve in an advisory role and make recommendations to the board of directors regarding:*

- Major educational needs
- Student learning goals
- Long-range and annual improvement goals that include, but are not limited to, the state indicators that address reading, mathematics, and science achievement.
- Desired levels of student performance.
- Progress toward meeting the goals
- Harassment or bullying prevention goals, programs, training, and other initiatives.
- Infusing character education into the educational program

3: Building and Student Updates

- Central Elementary: Professional Development - Jen Burns (Guided Reading), FAST testing (K-4th grade) - use scores for interventions as needed, new Math Curriculum (Bridges), Report Cards coming out (new model), SEL focus - Morning Meeting,
- Nevada Middle School: Professional Development - Building Rational Capacity among students, FAST testing (5th-8th grade), and focus on SEL - implementing within the building.
- Nevada High School: Professional Development - Formative and Summative Assessments, Winter Activities in full swing, and ISASP coming in April (Grades 3rd-11th) - No FAST Testing in HS.
- Nevada HS Students: Winter Activities, Spring Open Gyms taking place, Science Bowl, Speech Contest coming up, Start of 2nd Semester, and Seminar Olympics - Two week competition within the school - daily competitions to crown an overall champion (ties to Building SEL Goal - Improving Climate/Culture and Building Relational Capacity).

4: Carryover items for our November Mtg

-Dropout and Graduation Rate Data and Discussion

- Attendance rates continue to remain above 93%*
- Discussed the difference between excused, unexcused, and verified*
- Discussed the impact, if any, verified absences had on our data*
- Graduates rates continue to be well-above the state average*
- Outlined how a dropout is classified and the difference between 4-year and 5-year graduation rates*

-NCSD ESSER III Plan and Discussion

- Outlined ESSER II/III funding and the impact this federal funding source had on us as a District*
- No recommendations were made to edit/change our current ESSER II/III Plan*

5: 2020-21 NCSD Equity Report and Discussion

- Reviewed our annual report and discussed data that stuck out to the group*
- Open Enroll In/Out Data - discussed why resident students are exploring options outside of Nevada and why others are open enrolling into Nevada*
- Stressed the need to continue to make Nevada attractive to all families both in and out of the Nevada community*
- Continue to highlight our programs and activities*
- Explored ways to attract potential employees of the District in under-represented demographics to more closely match our students (Diversity)*
- Explored ways to increase the interest of students of under-represented demographics to various programs (Special Education - Spanish, Female - Industrial Tech, and Males - Family and Consumer Science)*
- Discussed 504's per buildings as well as procedures for obtaining a 504*

-How close are our male/female percentages per building to the state and surrounding communities?

6: 2021-22 Bullying and Harassment Data and Discussion

- Reviewed our District data and outline procedures (as defined by State Code)*
- Discussed the difference between conflict and bullying/harassment*
- Accuracy of the data was raised, which led to a discussion on how and when Admin/School Counselors offer the paperwork to families/students.*
- This has been and will continue to be a priority of the District to ensure the safety and well-being of all students*

7: NCSD LAU Plan and Discussion

- This was tabled for our March meeting*

8: Other

9: Identify Topics of Interest for the 2022-23 SIAC Committee

- NCSD LAU Plan (March)*
- Nevada CSD Career Ready Iowa Plan (March)*
- Nevada CSD Special Education Plan (March)*
- Nevada CSD Computer Science Plan (March)*
- 2022-23 FAST Data (March/June)*
- 2022-23 Student Achievement Data (June)*
- NCSD TAG Plan (June)*

10: Future Meeting Dates (7:00 -8:30pm)

- March 23rd (Thursday) -- Gates Hall Auditorium*
- June 6th (Tuesday) -- Gates Hall Auditorium*

LAUNCH: *"People don't want to communicate with an organization or a computer. They want to talk to a real, live, responsive, responsible person who will listen and help them get satisfaction."*
— Theo Michelson